यह कहा जा सकता है कि किसानों को इसमें से प्रत्यक्ष रूप से 50 प्रतिशत से कुछ अधिक लाभ प्राप्त होता है।

Irrigation potential

999. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state what is the comparative rise in the irrigation potential created during 1986, 1987 and 1988 and what is the potential likely to be created during the coming years to achieve the foodgrains target by 2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): The additional irrigation potential created during 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 is 2037.28 th. ha., 2101.76 th. ha. and 2302.11 th. ha. respectively. The plan-wise target for creation of irrigation potential is fixed in consultation with State Governments at the time of finalisation of Five Year Plan and Annual Plans. Creation of potential in the subsequent years will depend upon the Plan allocations.

Demand notice on M|s. I.T.C. Ltd. issued by the Collector, Central Excise, Meerut

1000. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1685 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th November, 1988 regarding demand notice issued on M|s. Indian Tobacco Co. (I.T.C.) Ltd. by the Collector, Central Excise, Meerut for a sum of Rs. 80.30 crores and state:

(a) whether the writ petition filed by M|s. I.T.C. Ltd. in the Allahabad High Court challenging the demand for Rs. 80.30 crores has since been disposed of; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The writ petition filed by M|s. I.T.C. Ltd. in the Allahabad High Court challenging the demand for Rs. 80.30 crores is still pending;

(b) Does not arise.

Income-tax on pension of retired Government employees

1001. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether pension payable to the retired Government employees is taxable; and

(b) if so, what is the justification for taxing the hard earned pension of the retired Government employees which is the minimum amount received by them after long years of service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Pension payable to retired employees (including retired Government employees) is chargeable to income-tax as it bears the character of income. A pensioner is, however, not required to pay income-tax unless his total income (including income by way of pension) as computed under the Income-tax Act exceeds the exemption limit, which, at present, is Rs. 18,000|-.

Issuance of chargesheets to A.S.T.Os of Delhi Administration

1002. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Assistant Sales Tax Officers of Delhi Administration have been issued chargesheets;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what are the charges against the Assistant Sales Tax Officers along with the names of the officers who have been issued chargesheets; and

(d) what remedial action is being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) According to the Delhi Administration, following Assistant Sales Tax Officers have been chargesheeted for gross negligence and dereliction of duty:—

1. Shri C. L. Sethi.
2. Shri S. S. Sachdeva.
3. Shri P. C. Bhatnaria.
4. Shri P. D. Sharma.
5. Shri D. C. Rathi.
6. Shri Dushyant Kumar.
7. Shri R. P. Bararia.
8. Shri B. R. Ganotra.
9. Shri Shanker Lal Tahlyani.
10. Shri K. C. Brahmchari.
11. Shri Inderjit Sharma.
12. Shri Prayduman Kumar.

Negotiations with World Bank for modernisation of Industrial Training Institutes

1003. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any negotiations have been concluded with the World Bank for modernisation of Industrial Training Institutes in India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the amount expected to be received and the terms and conditions therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The World Bank has approved assistance of $ 280 million for a project for modernisation and upgradation of Industrial Training Institutes in India. The assistance includes an IDA credit of $ 250 million, and an IBRD loan of $ 30 million. The IDA credit is repayable over 35 years with a grace period of 10 years, cent. The IBRD loan is repayable over 20 years, including a 5 year grace period, at a variable interest rate, to be revised semi-annually. The current rate of interest is 7.65 per cent.

सरदार सरोवर बांध के निर्माण के विरुद्ध आदिवासियों द्वारा आन्दोलन

1004. **श्री अजीत जोगी :** क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि सरदार सरोवर बांध के निर्माण के विरोध में बांध के डूब में आने वाले क्षेत्र के निवासियों ने, जिनमें अधिकांश आदिवासी हैं, एक आन्दोलन चला रखा है और उनके द्वारा हाल ही में हजारों की संख्या में गिरफ्तारियां भी दी गई हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है?

जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) और (ख) गुजरात सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि महाराष्ट्र तथा मध्य प्रदेश से लगभग 4 हजार लोगों की एक रैली 22 फरवरी, 1989 को परियोजना स्थल पर आयी थी। उन्हें धारा 144 के अंतर्गत गिरफ्तार किया गया था और उसके पश्चात 23 फरवरी, 1989 को उन्हें छोड़ दिया गया था। इस समय परियोजना निर्माण के कार्य में ऐसी कोई बाधा आने की संभावना नहीं है।

1005. [Transferred to the 5th May, 1989.]